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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT -- PRCM

### 1. CONGRESS AND CHINA POLICY (CONFIDENTIAL)

ANN SWIFT HAS SENT US A MEMO EMPHASIZING THAT AS THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE DATE FOR PEKING APPROACHES, CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN OUR CHINA POLICY IS BUILDING. SHE SAYS WE HAVE A "MAJOR JOB" AHEAD IN EXPLAINING OUR CHINA POLICY ON THE HILL, AND LAYS OUT A RATHER HEAVY BRIEFING SCHEDULE COVERING ONE QUARTER OF THE SENATE AND FIFTEEN CONGRESSMEN. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH YOU ON THIS, AFTER ANN'S MONDAY RETURN.

### 2. AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK'S SCHEDULE (UNCLASSIFIED) CONFIDENTIAL

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HARRY THAYER WILL GO TO DETROIT FOR AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK'S SWEARING-IN CEREMONY JULY 11. AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK WILL THEN RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR TWO DAYS OF FINAL CONSULTATIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO PEKING. HE IS SCHEDULED TO SEE DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN WEDNESDAY. HOW HIS THURSDAY SCHEDULE SHAKES DOWN DEPENDS UPON WHEN HE IS ABLE TO SEE

THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY.

3. POOLSIDE CHAT (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

AMBASSADOR HAO TE-CHING, LEADER OF THE CPIFA DELEGATION, CONTINUES TO ASTONISH PEOPLE WITH HIS SUBTLE DIPLOMACY. AT A POOL PARTY GIVEN BY DAVID ROCKEFELLER ON TUESDAY (COMPLETE WITH A DIXIELAND BAND AND SWIMSUITS PROVIDED FOR ALL), HAO RESPONDED TO A FEW POLITE REMARKS BY ROCKEFELLER BY NOTING THAT "AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, I CANNOT HELP BUT THINK OF THE WORLD SITUATION." HAO THEN LAUNCHED INTO A 40 MINUTE DISCOURSE ON THE SOVIET THREAT, THE THREE CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COCKTAIL PARTY TOPICS. ROCKEFELLER AND THE OTHER GUESTS WERE NATURALLY AMAZED. THE DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO DESCEND NEXT ON CHICAGO AND DES MOINES BEFORE DEPARTING FROM THE WEST COAST.

4. MORE WHEAT IMPORTS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE 3 MILLION TON WHEAT SALE TO THE PRC ANNOUNCED OVER THE WEEKEND BY THE AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD SHOULD BOOST TOTAL PRC IMPORTS DURING 1977 TO AROUND 7 MILLION TONS, CLOSE TO THE 1973 RECORD OF 7.8. PART OF THIS NEW SALE IS SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1978. CHINESE WHEAT IMPORTS FOR THE 77-78 MARKETING YEAR (JULY  
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THROUGH JUNE) WILL REACH AN ALL-TIME RECORD OF 9 MILLION TONS, AND COULD GO HIGHER. THE CHINESE CITE LOW INTERNATIONAL GRAIN PRICES TO EXPLAIN THE HIGH LEVEL OF IMPORTS, BUT THIS IS NOT CONVINCING, AS PRICES ARE LIKELY TO DECLINE FURTHER. THE CURRENT LEVEL IS PROBABLY DUE TO STOCK DRAWDOWNS RESULTING FROM LOW IMPORTS IN 1975 AND 1976 AS WELL AS THE UNFAVORABLE OUTLOOK FOR THE FALL HARVEST. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT THE LEADERSHIP DOES NOT FEEL SECURE ENOUGH TO RISK CALLING FOR BELT-TIGHTENING IN THE URBAN AREAS.

5. DEATH OF HONG KONG ECONOMIC OFFICER (UNCLASSIFIED)

WE WERE SADDENED TODAY TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF LEO GOTZLINGER, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION IN HONG KONG BEFORE BEING MEDICALLY EVACUATED LAST YEAR.

6. PRCM SUCCUMBS TO WEAK BACK EPIDEMIC (UNCLASSIFIED)

LEADING CADRE OF PRCM ARE SUFFERING FROM BACK TROUBLE AND ARE OUT OF THE OFFICE THIS WEEK. STAPE ROY HURT HIS BACK

PLAYING TENNIS AND HAS BEEN ORDERED TO STAY HOME AND IN  
BED. DICK HART IS RECOVERING AT HOME FROM SURGERY TO  
REMOVE A SPINAL DISK. MEANWHILE, HARRY THAYER IS ON HIS  
HONEYMOON.  
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